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1982 COMMUNITY GARDENS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, BY COUNTY

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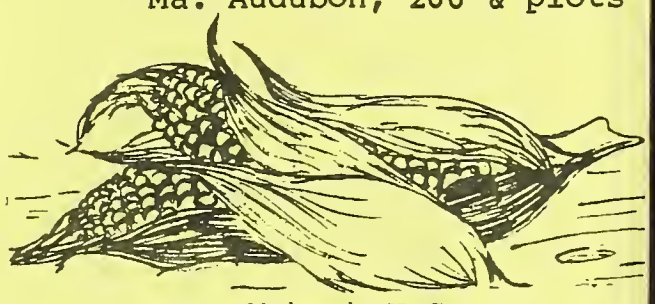
Town	Contact Person	Garden Locations
BERKSHIRE COUNTY		
County-wide	Berkshire County Extension Service 46 Summer St., Pittsfield 01201 413-448-8285	
Great Barrington	Francis "Midge" Meany Mass. Electric Co. 413-528-3300	927 So. Main St. 30 plots
North Adams	Carl Swenson 81 Main St. No. Adams, 663-6541	So. State St. 90 plots open to all
Pittsfield	1. Vincent Herbert, Project Green Thumb Pittsfield Parks & Rec. Dept. 874 North St. Pittsfield 01201 413-448-8274	Benedict Rd.,Pks. & Rec. 60 plots
	2. Lowell McAllister-Ma. Audubon Soc. 472 W. Mountain Road Lenox, 413-637-0320	Berkshire Sanctuary Canoe Meadows, Ma. Audubon, 200 & plots
FRANKLIN COUNTY		
County-wide	Franklin County Extension Service Court House, Greenfield 01301 413-774-2902	
Buckland	Doris Harker, West County Outreach 5 State St., Shelburne Falls 01370 413-625-6616	Near Mokawk H.S. 8 plots
Deerfield	Mr. McCalvey, Deerfield Academy Deerfield, 01342 413-774-2792, 0241	North Meadows Deerfield Academy 14 plots 30 x 30
Greenfield	Richard Hicks Greenfield J. C.'s 413-773-3135	Adams Rd. 60 plots
Montague	Tom Tolg, SCAC Turner's Falls 413-774-5450	G Street 30 X 40



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HAMPDEN COUNTY

County-wide	Hampden County Extension Service 1499 Memorial Drive W. Springfield 01089 413-736-7204	
Chicopee	Michael Fitz 299 Main St., Holyoke 01040 413-536-0760	5 gardens 50 plots
Holyoke	Dave Tabin Holyoke Parks & Rec. Dept. Rm. 7, City Hall Holyoke	approx. 30 plots Lyman St. compost available
Ludlow	(see Chicopee - Michael Fitz)	
Monson	(see Chicopee - Michael Fitz)	
Springfield	1. Henry Dawson Springfield Girls' Club 100 Acorn St. Springfield 413-739-4743	30 plots
	2. Phillip A. Chesky City Hall #7, Holyoke, Ma. 01040 413-534-7254	approx. 34 So. Holyoke
	3. Scott Emirzian Springfield Rec. Dept. Barney Hill Estate Forest Park, Springfield 413-787-6434	Forest Park 60 plots, 20 x 15
	4. Jewell Hodges, Program Director CAC 721 State St., Springfield 01109 413-781-7757	Brightwood Area
	5. Adelina Gomez N. E. Farmworkers' Council 6 Frost St., Springfield 01105 413-736-6789	4 locations in North End
West Springfield	Howard Fife % Parks & Rec. Dept. Municipal Bldg. W. Springfield 01089 413-781-7550	Mittinaegue Park 31 plots 12 x 20 residents
Westfield	Carol Risko Assn. for Support of Human Services, Westfield 01085 413-562-5678	Western Mass. State Hosp. & 2 other sites, priority to Elderly & Handicapped
Wilbraham	Dick Piaget 27 Millbrook Dr. Wilbraham, 413-596-8349	Conserv. Comm. land; 100 plots 25 x 25

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

County-wide	Hampshire County Extension Service 33 King Street, Northampton 01060 413-584-2556	
A,jerst	Erin Sweeney Amherst Rec. Dept. Bangs Comm. Center 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst 413-256-6781	Mill lane 230 plots; 20 x 20
Granby	Julian Rucki Mass. Electric Co. Palmer, 413-283-8371	Rt. 202 28 plots
Northampton	1. Steven Johnson Hampshire Co. Comm. Garden Project %Hampshire Co. Courthouse 99 Main St. Northampton 01060 413-584-7904	Burts Pit Rd. Northampton St. Hosp., approx. 375 plots on 3 acres; 20 x 20 in groups of 4
	2. Community Self-Reliance 16 Armory St. Northampton 01060 413-586-0543	a) Hampton gardens residents only b) demo. garden at Public Library c) Northampton St. Hosp.
	3. Judi Hublen Denise Corruier Arcadia Nature Center 127 Combs Rd., Easthampton 01027	
South Hadley	(see Chicopee - Michael Fitz)	
Ware	Julian Rucki Mass. Electric Co., Palmer 413-283-8371	Rt. 32, 28 plots
Williamsburg	Robert Parent Mass. Electric Co. 548 Haydenville Rd. Box 305, Northampton 01060 413-584-3160	Rt. 9, 70 plots

WORCESTER COUNTY

County-wide	Worcester County Ext. Service 36 Harvard St., Worcester 01608 753-5477

Athol		Susan Bussiere Athol People's Bridge Action 485 Main St. Athol, 249-2248	
Auburn		Joseph Philbin Mass. Electric Co. Worcester 01453 791-8511	Mills St.
Barre		Harvey Ringer Mass. Electric Co. Gardener, 632-3100	Depot Rd. 40 plots
Clinton		Ella Walsh 365-7087	Lancaster State School
Fitchburg		Fitchburg Community Action Center 75 Day St. Fitchburg, 342-8617	
Gardner	1.	Edward Stevens 24 Abbott St. Gardner 632-8758	Former Gardner State Hospital grounds
	2.	Tim Miller Gardner CAC 175 Connors St. Gardner, Ma. 01440 632-8700	
Grafton		Ken Alton Mass. Electric Co. Hopedale	Pleasant St. 40 plots
Harvard		John Wilhelm Tahanto Trail Harvard 01451 456-3327	Old Coke Farm Conserv. Comm. Land 35 plots,
Lancaster		(see Clinton)	Lancaster St. School
Leominster	1.	Richard Girard 28 Dogwood Rd. Leominster 01453 537-3320 (w)	Tuttle Farm Union St., 100 plots 14 x 28
	2.	Joana Haspod Leominster CAC 20 Main St. Leominster 01453 537-2945	Gordon Farm

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	3. Montachusetts Opportunity Council 305 Whitney St. %Monte Pearson Box 576 Leominster 01453 537-1723	near Pleasant St. 20 plots
Shrewsbury	Joseph Philbin Mass. Electric Co. Worcester 01453 791-8511	Oak St. 280 plots
Sterling	John Firmin Mass. Electric Co. Leominster 01453 534-4911	Pratts Jct. Rd. 40 plots
Westboro	Walter Perks Lyman School 366-9743	Lyman School 40 plots
Winchendon	Winchendon Community Action 273 Central St. Winchendon 01475 297-1667	84 Hill St. 15 plots, 15 X 15
Worcester	1. So. Worcester Neighborhood Center Ron Charrette 335 Cambridge St. Worcester, 757-8344	private property in city in subdivided lots; 40 plots, 20 X 20
	2. Judy Nyrenberg Westside House 35 Fruit St. Worcester 01009 752-6763	Worcester State Hosp. Land 5 - 10 gardeners

PLANTING INFORMATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS SEED PROGRAM

Variety	Depth in Inches	No. of seeds per foot	Distance Betw. Mature Plants (in.)	Distance Between Rows (in.)	Days to Maturity	Remarks
BEANS						
Green Bush	1½-2	6-8	2-3	18-30	45-60	Make sequence plantings up to Mid July
Pole	1½-2	4-6	4-6	36-48	60-70	Long bearing season if kept picked
Lima Bush	1½-2	5-8	3-6	24-30	70-80	Does well in warm soil
BEETS	½-1	10-15	2	12-18	55-65	Thin out extra plants and use for greens
CABBAGE Chinese	1/2	8-16	10-12	18-24	70-80	For best results, plant in July for a late fall crop.
CARROT	1/4	15-20	1-2	14-24	65-80	Start using when 1/2" in diameter to thin row
CHARD Swiss	1	6-10	4-8	18-24	55-65	Use thinnings for early greens
COLLARDS	1/4	10-12	10-15	24-30	75-85	Plant in early spring and again in late July for fall harvest
CUCUMBER	1	3-5	12	48-72	60-70	For small gardens, train on a trellis
LETTUCE	1/4-1/2	8-12	4-6	12-18	45-60	Keep ground moist for good germination. Plant up to August.
MUSTARD	1/2	8-10	2-6	12-18	25-50	Use thinnings for early greens
OKRA	½-1	6-10	8-10	36	52-60	6 to 10 mature plants should give more tha enough pods for average family
PEAS	2	6-7	2-3	18-30	65-80	Train to grow on 4 or 5 foot string fence or chicken wire
RADISH	1/2	14-16	1-2	6-12	20-40	Grows best in early spring or early fall
SQUASH-Summer Straigt Neck	1	4-6	16-24	36-60	50-60	Can train like cucumbers on a trellis. Pick when 6 to 8 inches
Zucchini	1	4-6	16-24	36-60	50-60	Grows in a bush. Good for small gardens. Pick when 6 to 8 inches.
SQUASH-Winter Table King Acorn	1	1-2	24-48	72-120	75-85	Grows in a bush. Leave stem on for longer winter storage.
TURNIP	1/2	14-16	1-3	15-18	50-60	Thin early for greens. Plant up to August

WHAT VITAMINS AND MINERALS DO FOR YOU

"A" -- for bones, teeth, skin, eyes, lining of nervous, respiritory, and digestive systems
"B_1"-- (thiamin) for carbohydrate metabolism (release of energy from food)
"B_2"-- (riboflavin) helps cells use oxygen, promotes tissue repair and healthy skin
"B_6"-- for healthy teeth, gums, blood vessles, nervous system, red blood cells
"B_{12}"- for proper developmentof red blood cells, nervous system
"C"-- for sound bones and teeth, tissue metabolism, wound healing